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FORMER PEOPLE TO PEOPLE OFFICIAL PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLING FROM NON-PROFIT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the former vice president of finance for People to People International pleaded guilty in federal court today to embezzling from the non-profit organization.

David E. Schlotzhauer, 51, of Leawood, Kan., waived his right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to a federal information that charges him with interstate transportation of stolen property.

By pleading guilty today, **Schlotzhauer** admitted that he transported money taken by fraud – a cashier's check drawn on an account maintained by People to People International and payable to his wife in the amount of \$18,125 – from Missouri to Overland Park, Kan. The cashier's check was fraudulently issued by **Schlotzhauer** on the bank account of his employer, People to People International, as part of a scheme devised by **Schlotzhauer** to defraud the organization.

“**Schlotzhauer** caused fraudulent checks to be issued on the organization's bank account for his own personal purposes,” Graves said. “**Schlotzhauer** also fraudulently used the company credit card to pay personal expenses.”

The government contends that the total amount of loss suffered by People to People International is \$148,144, although within today's plea agreement **Schlotzhauer** contends that the loss is less than \$70,000.

Under federal statutes, **Schlotzhauer** could be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000 and an order of restitution. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States

Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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